

REUNION

OF THE SURVIVING MEMBERS

Of Old Young Men's Democratic Club

Held Last Night a Notable Affair—Banquet Followed by Eloquent Addresses That Cause Much Enthusiasm.

From Friday's Daily News.

The unquenchable spirit of Democracy was rife and that good fellowship that only comes with long years of labor in good works the feature at the banquet and reunion last night of the members of the old Young Men's Democratic club. The general tone of the evening was one of hopefulness and good cheer but there entered also a sadder strain when tribute was paid to the memory of those members who have answered the last call. During the course of the evening many lessons of value to the younger generation of Democrats, learned by hard work for the party, were drawn by the members of the elder organization and the prophecy was made that if the spirit of the old club, long a power in Stark county politics, entered into the hearts and labors of the members of the newly formed Young Men's club that Democracy would again come into its own in this county and the best interests of Stark's citizens would be conserved.

While the earlier part of the evening was most enjoyable the real treat came after the inner man had been satisfied, the chairs pulled this way and that, and each banqueter had squirmed himself into a comfortable position, ready to listen to those who responded to the call of Toastmaster Monnot. Five minute speeches are as often as not mere words strung together in a manner making a pleasant sound to the ear but conveying but little to the heart and mind and furnishing but little food for thought. With those of last night, however, it was noticeably different. Though each address was short, each contained some striking truth or bit of sentiment which would bear consideration and be well worth storing away in the storehouse of memory, often to be taken out and studied and thought over; truths and sentiments that will never grow old or out of date because they find response in the elemental feelings and thoughts of the human heart and mind.

The number of responses to the invitations sent out was flattering to the committees in charge and showed, with no room for doubt or question, that the spirit of the old organization was not dead and that in those Democrats who were not members, though in Canton at that time, and in those who are members of the new organization, this same spirit is found. The exact number of members of the old organization present could not be learned as no roster from which a roll call could be made was to be obtained. The total number present, however, was considerably over a hundred and the majority of these had been affiliated with the club. The others were friends of the members or members of the club now in process of organization. Among the out-of-town members of the old club present were James Sherwood, of Cleveland, manager of the American Sportsman, and Daniel Biehoff of Massillon.

One of the features of the evening was the bringing to the banquet hall of the flag presented to the old club by the Democratic ladies of Canton and the banner carried by the junior organization. After being roundly cheered they were hung on the wall and the first toast of the evening was to the old flag. It was given by John C. Harmony and the banqueters rose in their places while the tribute was paid.

It was shortly after 8 o'clock when the banqueters fled from the Democratic headquarters to the large room to the north in which long, beautifully decorated tables had been laid. The banquet was served by W. S. Ringgenberg, to whom the feature of the evening had been entrusted by the committee in charge. The comments that went the round of the well laden tables were sufficient evidence that he had done his part in a manner most satisfactory to hosts and guests. The menu, while not elaborate, was most appetizing and thoroughly enjoyed. It might be remarked, too, that no wine was served, nor was any amber on tap. The spirit of conviviality was not lacking, however, but was the result of old friendships renewed and the knowledge that those present were united in a common cause, were working for that which meant the greatest good for the greatest number; was caused by the real, atom pure spirit of Democracy which reigned supreme.

When the tables had been cleared Toastmaster Monnot told briefly the cause of the festivity and at his call the speakers of the evening responded. After the regular program had been concluded a number of others present made short addresses and it was nearing the witching hour of 12 when the rooms were darkened and the affair was history.

"Why we are here," was the toast responded to by Ed. L. Smith. He reviewed briefly the history of the old club, told of the work it had done and the spirit which moved its members and ended by saying that the reunion was possible only because that spirit was of the undying kind and still flared brightly in the breasts of the members of the old organization.

John F. Blake in responding to the toast, "Looking Backward," recalled old times and he, too, went into the history of the organization. He had been prevented by illness from preparing an address, however, but promised to respond if called on at another reunion, even though it be a quarter of a century hence.

James A. Rice was given "Looking Forward" as his subject. His address was one of the choice bits of the evening. His wish was for conditions, domestic, economic and political, that would put an Utopian to shame. In speaking of the coming campaign he asked for the election of the national, district and county tickets, naming Krichbaum, Whitacre and Bryan. These references were greeted with a storm of cheers.

"The Two Bills," according to Rhodes I. Gregory, are not to be compared. He went into the merits of each and when he was through he had made a plain case in favor of the Democratic standard bearer and judging from the spontaneity of the applause which greeted his remarks his audience agreed with him.

E. E. Daniels spoke of the importance of the third day of November, election day. He reviewed briefly the struggle the people of past centuries had made for the privileges which we as freemen exercise and pointed out the cost which our forebears had paid. He said, too, that we were but legatees in trust of these liberties, held them in trust for future generations and that they could not be conserved without eternal vigilance and the proper exercise of the right of suffrage. It was for this that he asked, claiming it to be the most important.

P. J. Collins responded to the toast, "The Democratic Party, Its Future." He told of the founding of the party, its principle being equal rights and exact justice for all. For more than half a century this rule was in effect as the Democracy was in power and the present strife between capital and labor was unknown. This came only under Republican administrations during which the many had been taxed for the benefit of the few. He reviewed the past and took count of the present, then called attention to the signs of the times which pointed to a brilliant future for the Democracy.

Charles Krichbaum told of "Some Things of the Past." He spoke of the efficiency of political organizations modeled after the old club and of the work it did, how it safeguarded the rights of the people in the olden days when it was in the heyday of its existence and made dishonest elections impossible in Canton. He made an earnest plea for the organization on similar lines of the present young men's club and hoped that it might win as high a place as did the old one. In concluding he paid a beautiful tribute to those members of the elder organizations who have gone "to the narrow house and the long sleep." As he read their names he said something of each that called to the minds of those who had known them, some characteristic which made them leaders among their fellows. Many of his hearers were men who have been tried by the sorrows that come to most with years and in whom sentiment might be thought deep below the surface but many eyes were dimmed as he called the roll of those who have passed beyond.

John H. Sponseller told of "Social Events of 1884-85," and of this phase of the club's work. He spoke, too, of the promise of the future and the need for earnest work in the party at the present time.

"Whither Have We Been Drifting?" was Ed. Zinninger's subject and he pointed out the evils which have come to the body politic since the advent of Republicanism as it exists today and showed that the only remedy was a return to the principles of Jefferson and the other founders and early leaders of the Democracy.

Calvin Seeman responded to the toast, "The Former Promises." He told of the pledges made the people by the Republican party and of how they had not been kept. He told a story that took well and in conclusion said that if the Republican party had kept the promises it had made it would have long since died as a result. Atlee Pomerene, who did not arrive until late in the evening, having spoken in Tuscarawas township on taxation reform, delivered an address on "The Guaranteeing of Bank Deposits." He showed how public moneys are secured when deposited and how in the ordinary dealings between men money is not let out without some assurance that it will be returned. He could not see why a bank should accept the money of a depositor and not be willing to give some guarantee of its safety other than the financial responsibility of the stockholders in the institution. He also pointed out the benefits which have accrued to all concerned where this plan has been enacted into law and the statute put into effect.

The talk by Mr. Pomerene closed the regular program. A number of others present were called on and among those who responded were Robert S. Shields, J. J. Whitacre, A. L. Young, Nick Dicks, Mayor Turnbull, John C. Harmony, Ray Harbert and Allen Cook.

LINE FROM AKRON TO MASSILLON

Akron, O., Sept. 11.—Articles of incorporation were sent to Columbus for a company to build an electric street railway from Akron to Massillon, passing by way of Turkeyfoot lake. Tom L. Childs, Akron, is promoter, and incorporators are Childs, Chas. J. Carey, Chas. Emswiler, Frank E. Ream and D. U. Ruegger.

Fire Near Louisville. Fire swept the saw mill, elder press, chop mill and apple butter factory owned by I. E. Kagey and located about two miles southeast of Louisville early Thursday morning. The buildings and machinery were totally destroyed and the loss is estimated at \$5000, partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery as it broke out about 2 o'clock in the morning when no one was supposed to be about any of the buildings and no fire had been left to the knowledge of the owner or any of his employees.

SPEAKERS

Of National Prominence Will Invade Stark County—Arrangements Being Made.

The Democratic executive committee is trying to get a number of campaign orators of national prominence to speak in this county and at present prospects are bright. An effort will be made to get Bryan but this is an uncertain proposition. It is through, however, that Kern, Harmon and Champ Clark can be secured and a number of lesser lights may also invade the county in the interest of the national, state, district and county tickets.

Last night the city central committee met at the call of Chairman Harbert and arrangements were made to make a poll of the city as soon as possible. Instructions regarding registration were also given and it will not be the fault of the committee if any Democrat fails to register and thus qualify as a suffragist. Plans for the thorough organization of the city by precincts were also discussed and this work will be taken up as soon as it is possible. Reports by the committee show that the Democrats of the city are becoming greatly interested in the campaign and a large vote is expected. There come many rumors, too, of discontent in the Republican ranks and it is believed that many who are affiliated with the G. O. P. will at least vote a scratched ticket this fall.

Secretary Marchand yesterday received a large supply of Bryan and Kern posters and a large amount of campaign literature which he will dispose of to those who wish either posters or pamphlets, or both.

Next week meetings will be held in Massillon and Alliance and steps taken for the organization and the commencement of active work in those cities. The prospect seems bright and as one Democrat said at the banquet Thursday night, "we will do the best we can, will leave nothing undone that will further the success of the cause." This seems to be a common feeling among the Democrats of the county.

DEATH

In Horrible Manner Met by Elmer Staver at Hartville—Clothes Covered With Burning Fluid.

Death in a horrible manner was met by Elmer Staver, a member of the firm of Carper & Staver, dealers in furniture and hardware at Hartville. The lights in the firm's store appeared dim Thursday evening about 6 o'clock and the junior member of the firm sought to make them burn brighter. The store is lighted with gas furnished from a gasoline tank and in order to produce more illumination Mr. Staver commenced to pump more air in the tank. In doing so the pressure forced a valve open and the explosive fluid was forced over the clothing worn by the man. This ignited with a presence of mind the man rushed from the place to some tall grass on the outside where he rolled himself in an effort to free himself from the flames. He was badly burned in all parts of his body and although everything that was possible was done to alleviate his suffering he died from the effects of his burns about 6 o'clock Friday morning. The excellent work of citizens, who formed a bucket brigade saved the building in which the store was located, but the stock and fixtures were badly injured by the flames.

Mr. Staver was twenty-six years of age. He is survived by his father and mother and three sisters, who live near McDonaldville. Drs. Smith, of Hartville, and Bauer, of Uniontown, attended the sufferer.

Appointed Presiding Elder.

Rev. M. Rader of the First United Evangelical church has been assigned as presiding elder in the Ohio conference of the United Evangelical church. His appointment leaves a vacancy in the Canton church which will be filled by the conference. Rev. Rader will probably reside in Columbus.

The Akron district will be presided over by Rev. L. M. Boyer, who will also take charge of the Canton district. The former elder of this district, Rev. W. W. Sherrick, died recently, leaving a vacancy.

MIDDLEBRANCH.

Middlebranch, Sept. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromer, of Canton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elderkin, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Corl were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corl, of Navarre, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Harget, of Canton, visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Harget, Sunday.

Hannah Bair, of Canton, is visiting with old neighbors and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Geib, of Canton, called on Mr. and Mrs. George Geib, Sunday.

Dr. Corwin Hill, of Akron, was in town, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hershey visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hershey, of Lorain, O., last week.

Miss Stahl, of Louisville, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Stahl, Sunday.

Quite a number of people from here spent Labor Day in Canton.

Miss Mary Royer and Mrs. Henry Elderkin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Shriver, of Royerton, Wednesday.

Andrew Bair and Lewis Roush had an outing at Sandy Creek several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Druckenbrod and family were guests of Mrs. Mottinger, of Myersville, Sunday.

Miss Daisy Augustine, of Kent, is visiting friends and relatives here.

C. M. Royer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Davy, of Canton.

Mrs. Dan Buchman transacted business in Canton Tuesday.

The Oval City school opened Tuesday, with Charles Firestone, of Canton, as instructor.

Mrs. Charles Wearster left Monday for Springfield, O., where she will represent the D. A. Lodge of this vicinity.

Mrs. Sarah Hill, of Springfield Lake, formerly of this place, had a stroke of paralysis, Tuesday, and is in a serious condition.

RHODES.

Rhodes, Sept. 11.—The razing of the Stark mine was ordered stopped last week. It is thought that the company expects to sell the structures as they stand.

William Wedder left this week for Wheeling to attend the state fair.

Mr. Kline, of Akron, who has been spending the past week at the home of Mrs. John Thomas, will go to Millport this week.

John Williams expects to move to the Patch in the near future.

Miss Florence Fribley is staying with Mr. and Mrs. John Albright.

The audience which greeted the Columbia orchestra, of Massillon, at Crystal Springs, Wednesday evening, was very large. The orchestra gave a splendid program of music, readings and recitations, which was fully appreciated by all present. So ended the Crystal Springs Chautauqua for 1908, a grand success in every phase. It will undoubtedly be resumed next year.

Saturday night, the Amphion Quartette, of Canton, will give a concert for the benefit of the Sunday school association.

James Flounders visited in our locality, Sunday.

John W. Wilson and son, John H., of the Patch, began work at the Taggart mine, Thursday.

Henrietta Frontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Frontz, of Massillon, had a finger badly crushed Thursday, in a clothes wringer at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. John Thomas.

The Patch football team will practice Sunday morning. All players please report early. The first practice game of the season will probably be played Sunday, September 20, with a picked team, prior to the opening of the season with the Limerick Tigers, at Canton, September 27.

Next Monday morning the Myers school will reopen. D. W. Walter will again pedagogue the advanced youth, while the younger children will be greeted by Miss Lucille Johns, of Massillon.

MYERS.

Myers, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Isaac Baughman and Mrs. Jerry Haynum spent Wednesday with their mother, Mrs. David Unkefer, of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Haines were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Marion Freed, Thursday.

Hugh Unkefer, of Paris, and Miss Elsie Richard, of Minerva, were married at Minerva, Wednesday evening.

Mr. Unkefer is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Unkefer, and Miss Richard is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richard, of Minerva. Both parties are well known and popular, and they have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Reuben Wymer and baby were calling on friends recently.

Mrs. John Coleman spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hartman.

Floyd Myers was at Minerva, Thursday.

Mrs. Allen Zinninger spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Smith Keith.

Ezra Stuckey, of Paris, was in this locality recently.

Esther Booth was the guest of Helen Haines, Tuesday.

Bert Harsh transacted business in Canton, Wednesday.

Florence Gurney is spending this week with Mrs. Della Keith.

Mrs. Emanuel Maurer was calling on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coleman, Thursday.

Edgar Harsh is spending this week with his brother, David, near New Franklin.

Oliver Breckenridge and Miss Susan Unkefer were united in marriage at Canton, Wednesday.

The happy couple have the congratulations of a large circle of friends.

Mr. William Long and daughter, Mrs. Edith Hodge, were at Minerva, Thursday.

NEW BERLIN.

New Berlin, Sept. 11.—The W. C. T. U. held their regular monthly meeting on Monday at the home of Mrs. H. Hoover. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Willigman; prayer, by Mrs. Young. The following responded to duty: Mesdames Smith, Young, Schick, Snyder and Hoover.

Zion Lutheran church, New Berlin—Sunday school at 9. Andrew Harter, superintendent. Preaching at 10 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Wolf. Everybody welcome.

Christian church, R. B. Chapman, minister—9. Sunday school, on time. 10 a. m. and 7 p. m., regular church service. Morning sermon on "Fishers of Men." Evening subject, "Bliss of Damascus." 6:15, Christian Endeavor, Miss Margaret Evans, leader. Special music by choir. Inspiring songs by congregation. All welcome.

MILLERSBURG.

Millersburg, Sept. 11.—The Kill buck ball team has been extremely successful during the season so far. They have played 20 games and won 17 of them and won the county championship. They have played the best amateur team of Mt. Vernon, Massillon, Zanesville, Gambier, and Orville outside of the county and all the clubs in the county. Lee Fortune, their star, is a comer. He lives at Hillman and is a school teacher in Kill buck township in this county and it will be strange if he is not found in some major league next season. They have their eyes on him now.

EDGEFIELD.

Edgefield, Sept. 11.—Jonathan Grable and daughter, Miss Wanda Grable, of Myersville; Miss Beulah Grable and Homer Stein, of Springfield, O.; William Grable, of Zanesville, Mich.; and Abraham Grable and daughter, Miss Grace Oberlin, of Canton, this week.

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Miss Irene Druckenbrod is entering her cousin, Miss Grace Oberlin, of Canton, this week.

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Misses Eva and Vida Reeder have returned to their home in Salem, after spending a week with Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Vannett.

The Carroll county commissioners ordered a county local option election to take place on Saturday, October 3. There were 2,256 signatures to the petition.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brothers, a daughter.

Charles Finerock and sister, Esther, of Waynesburg, were calling on his brother, William, and family.

Henry Schreiber, of Chicago, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schreiber. He returned to his home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Alfathier spent Thursday with relatives at Minerva.

Walter Weigand spent a few days with his grandfather at Canal Dover.

Albert Marker, of Carrollton, was the guest of his father, F. Marker.

Cecil Simpson, of Sallenville, has been spending several days with his grandmother, Mrs. E. Shultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weigand spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weigand.

Miss Frona Hersh, of Minerva, has been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. B. W. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bengler, of Pittsburgh, have returned home, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Hance Dewell.

Mrs. Frank Barts and Mrs. Wade Thompson spent Wednesday with their sister, Mrs. Ad Dumbleton.

Mrs. Sarah Robertson is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Poiz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, of Alliance, are spending part of the week with Mrs. Hawkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkpatrick.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rennie, a son.

Mrs. George Davis and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hess, were guests of Lawrence Busks and family, Friday.

Ralph Peltz and Miss Lillian Winkler were married Wednesday evening by Rev. E. O. Klotz in the presence of a large number of friends.

Miss Verna Uiman was at Cleveland to see her sister, who is at the Lakeside hospital. Her condition is improving.

NEW FRANKLIN.

New Franklin, Sept. 11.—John Johnson, of Pittsburgh, is visiting relatives here.

While raising the Fairbanks barn frame last Wednesday, one of the men loosened the stay rope and the entire structure fell to the ground. Quite a few miraculously escaped injury.

Sylvanus Stull, of Homeworth, well known here, is very low from the effects of paralysis.

Miss Mary Fenn is in a critical condition at the home of her mother, as a result of spasms.

Dr. O. E. Bell and Brint Weather-spoon, of Freeburg, made a trip to Minerva, Wednesday night.

While leading a colt to water last Wednesday, Dave Harsh was kicked in the breast by the animal. It was found that no bones were broken.

Robert Cole, representing the Pressprich Elgin Butte Co., of New York, is here, endeavoring to promote a creamery for New Franklin. He is meeting with success.

Wash Nunemaker cut his shin last Tuesday, with an adz while hewing timber for the Fairbanks barn.

David Cooper is severely afflicted with boils.

Samuel Hayman and O. C. Bates were in Canton Tuesday.

The M. E. Sunday school have adopted new song books.

Emerson Yeagley is in a critical condition at his home north of town.

FAIRHOPE.

Fairhope, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Rachel Grise, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hershberger, returned to her home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Royer spent Sunday near Oshtemo.

A number of this place attended the church services at the Reformed church at Louisville, Sunday. Rev. B. A. Black, of Lone Tree, Iowa, began his ministry on that day.

Miss Josephine Lesh and Royal Poltz are attending high school at Louisville.

Mrs. Sallie Druckenbrod, of New Berlin, and Mrs. Allen Druckenbrod, of Canton, spent Saturday with Levi Druckenbrod and family.

Miss Emma Strahm and Miss Alice Druckenbrod visited with friends at Philadelphia Hall, Sunday.

Camp meeting will begin at this place September 15.

Harry Sell, of New Berlin, spent several days with Royal Poltz.

William Lautzenheiser spent Monday at Canton.

CHESTNUT RIDGE.

Chestnut Ridge, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Amanda Himebaugh held a birthday party at her home, Monday evening, in honor of her son, Charles Himebaugh. Games were played and a fine time was enjoyed.

Henry A. Bair was at Canton, Saturday.

Peter Ribaldi and daughter, Blanche, were at Canton, Friday.

C. F. Dulabehn was at Salem last week.

Mrs. Jacob Ribaldi, who has been ill for some time, is reported in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Wymer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Royer at Rootstown, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of New Berlin, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Eli Brumbaugh.